

ACPP

s a result of a mandate in early 2001 from Head-quarters, Department of the Army, all active component, National Guard and Reserve Component Army installations have transitioned to "closed" posts. Access Control Points (ACPs) — the gates where all traffic enters and departs the installation — are being upgraded with new facilities and security equipment and more stringent access control procedures.

In October 2002, the Army's **Product Manager for Force Protection** Systems (PM-FPS) selected the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center, to plan and manage the ACPP to include survey, design, purchase and installation of ACP equipment at all Army installations. Phases 1 through 3 (\$174 million) are nearing completion and Phase 4 (\$150 million) began in July 2006. Phase 4 of the program referred to as Automated Installation Entry (AIE) Site preparation, will prepare selected major Army installations to receive the next generation of enhanced physical and electronic security systems. The AIE Program itself is scheduled to begin in fall 2007.

The ACPP employs an innovative centralized management/decentralized execution method which allows the program manager (PgM) to cross-level resources and find economies of scale. Huntsville Center is the PgM and is responsible for planning and coordinating execution. The Corps' Protective Design Center (PDC) in Omaha and Electronic Security Center (ESC) in Huntsville provide technical expertise and



Ground Retractable Auto Barrier (GRAB) shown in deployed position.

mentoring.

Local districts are responsible for executing the projects in their geographic areas. The ACPP uses existing nationwide, regional and local contracts to procure and install HQDA-approved equipment, including portable and stationary vehicle barriers, portable lighting systems, under-

vehicle inspection gear, explosive detection equipment, X-ray machines, closed circuit television, alarm systems, guard booths, traffic arms and intrusion detection systems.

The ACPP complies with the Army standard for ACPs, published in December 2004. These standards assure Army-wide consistency for physical security equipment and facilities.

The ACPP is comprised of more than 100 team members in countries, literally, from Korea to Kuwait — anywhere there are Soldiers, civilians



Ground Retractable Auto Barrier is shown in nondeployed position with net barrier retracted in rubber mat in the roadway.

or their families to protect. In order to manage such a dispersed team, the Huntsville Center depends on the exploitation of technology and the use of innovative tools and practices. A web portal — Engineering Knowledge Online or EKO — is accessible worldwide for authorized users and allows all stakeholders to stay informed in real-time about project status and milestones.

EKO can be accessed at https://eko.usace.army.mil. Contact the program manager for permission to access the ACPP pages.